

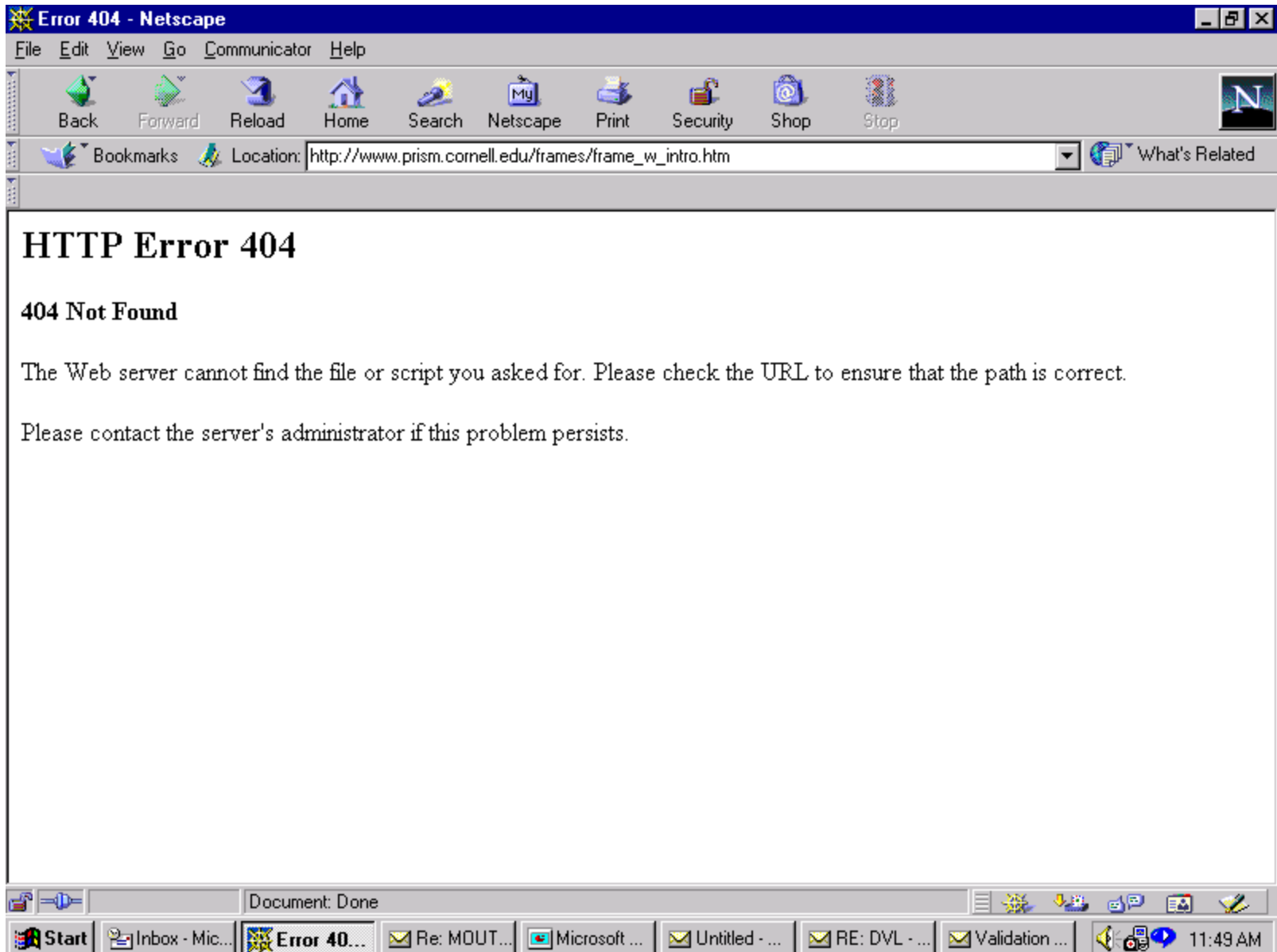


From Information Delivery to Knowledge Management



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DTIC's Project:

To provide for the persistent identification and management of DOD resources available on the Internet

- to provide a way to preserve all DoD electronic resources that have long-term value
- to provide actionable links to DoD resources from one central location



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What is a Persistent Identifier?

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Trends

- WWW now contains over 7.1 million unique sites
- Many resources no longer published in hardcopy
- Increasing preference for online access to digital materials
- Identifying, organizing, managing online content adds level of complexity
- Danger of 'digital gap' is real



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The Problem: URLs

- URLs are location devices - not identifiers

HTTP Error 404

- Resource may have been removed
 - Resource may have been moved
 - Resource may have been renamed
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- Great way to share information; terrible way to manage information



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The Solution: URNs

- IETF has proposed adoption of Uniform Resource Names (URNs)
- URN characteristics:
 - Global uniqueness -- Extensibility
 - Persistence -- Scalability
 - Location Independence -- Resolution
 - Legacy support
- URNs resolve to URLs



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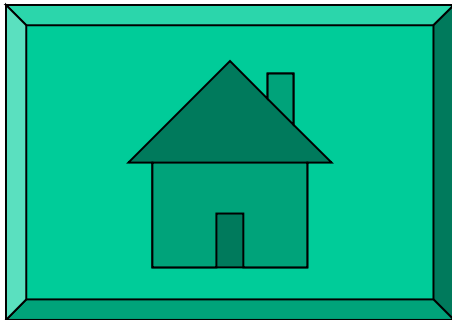


Resolution - Wouldn't it be great if...

Email Address

Local Address

Local Phone Number



Resource Manager



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DTIC = DOD Resource Manager





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Practical Decisions

- Determine identifier scheme (ISBN, ISSN, UPC)
- Choose identification system (PURL, DOI/CrossRef, PII, NBN)
- Handle System® meets all URN specifications



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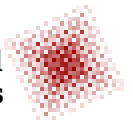
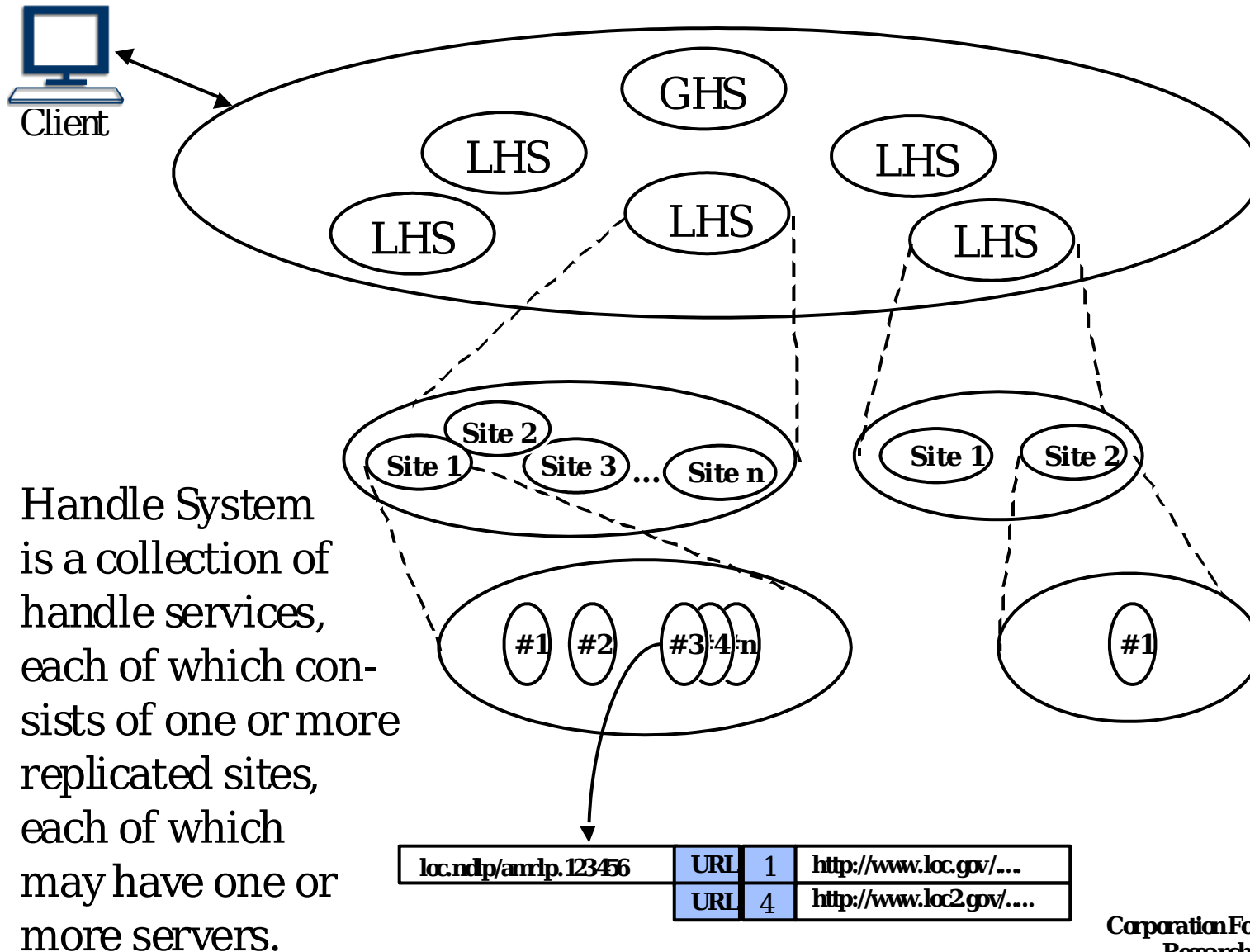


What is a Handle?

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Handle Resolution





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DTIC's new Handle Service

- Uses Handle System® technology
- Uses Oracle database
 - Handle storage, administration
 - Metadata storage, administration
- Includes Handle Search Directory
- WebObjects software
- Uses Proxy URL



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To Access a Handle from a Browser:

HttpProtocol+ProxyURL+Handle =

http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA375124

Diagram illustrating the components of the URL:

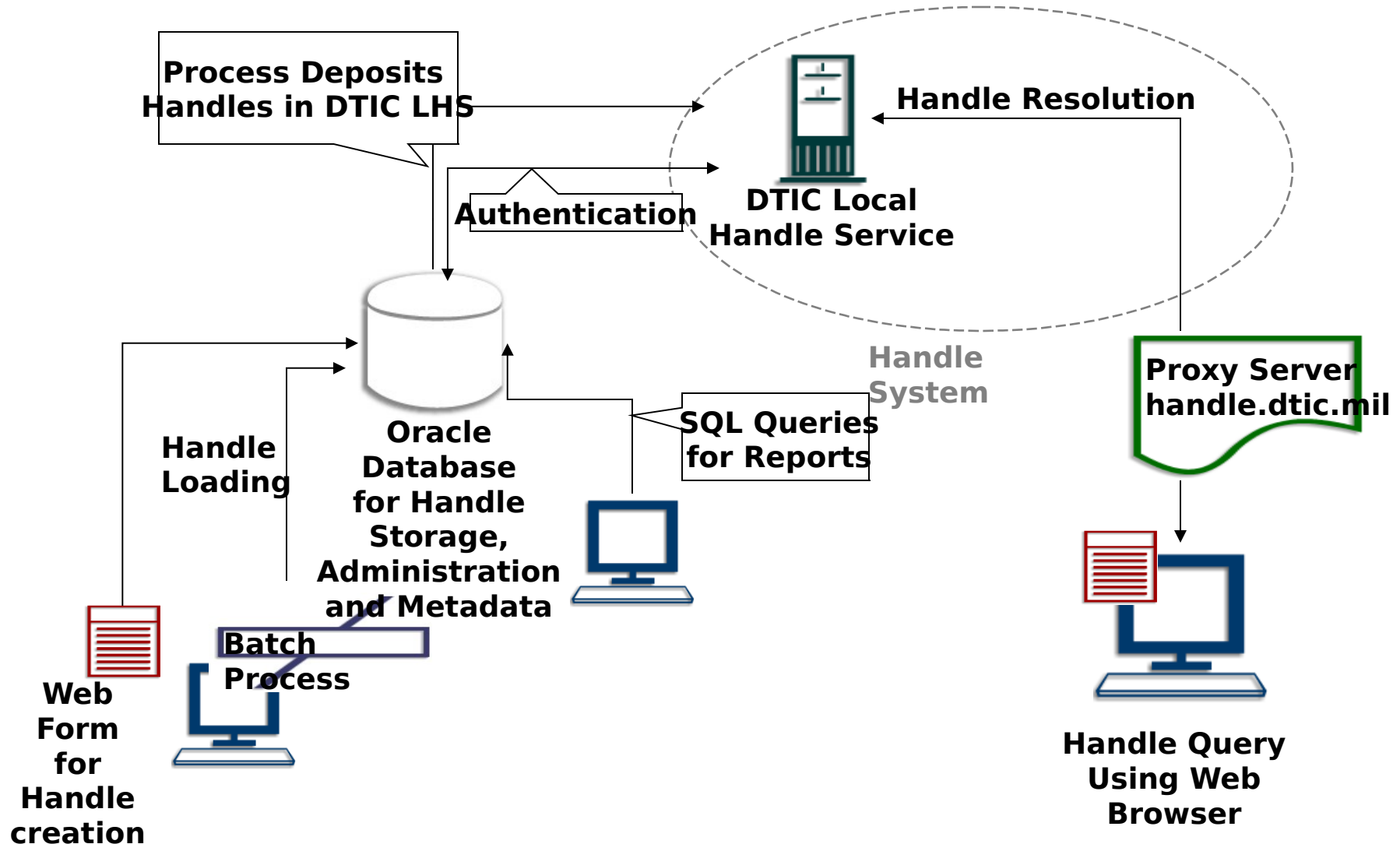
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This will resolve to the actual URL:

Http://stinet.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/fulcrum_main.pl?
database=ft_u2&searchid=0&keyfieldvalue=ADA37
5124&filename=%2Ffulcrum%2Fdata
%2FTR_fulltext%2Fdoc%2FADA375124.pdf



DTIC Handle Storage and Administration Using Oracle Database





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ProxyURL/Handle: <http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/AD000014>
Subject Categories: ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS
Corporate Author: OHIO STATE UNIV RESEARCH FOUNDATION COLUMBUS
Title: Fluctuations of Starlight and Skylight
Descriptive Note: Progress rept. 1 Oct-31 Dec 51
Personal Authors: Hynek, J. Allen
Report Date: 15 MAR 1952
Pages: 18 PAGES
Report Number: OSURF-1
Contract Number: AF 19(604)-41
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Is the information you need here today and gone tomorrow? Are you tired of getting "Error 404" messages? DTIC has a solution.

DTIC's Handle Service assigns permanent names called "handles" to electronic resources, and stores them in its Handle Service. The current location (or URL) where the resource can be found is stored with each handle. When the location changes, the handle record is updated to reflect this change, and there is no broken link. DTIC's Handle Service also facilitates the preservation and long term access to electronic resources, ensuring their availability over time and changing data formats. DTIC's Handle Service will play a vital role in preservation of DOD's Internet-accessible resources.

Handles are assigned to online DOD resources -- currently to DTIC's full text, publicly-releasable technical reports available on the Internet via the Scientific and Technical Information Network (STINET) and Web-Enabled DROLS (WED) systems. These are stored in a central directory users can search to instantly retrieve needed information. To see handles in action, visit [Search](#) to query the collection. Read through the [Handle FAQs](#) to learn all the facts, and read about how DTIC will [partner with interested DOD organizations](#) to create handles for their resources and take advantage of the opportunity to preserve their published works. Visit [Related Links](#) for articles about DTIC's Handle Service and link to other organizations that use handles. See [The Handle System](#) web site for an explanation on the [technology](#) underlying DTIC's Handle Service.

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Handle Search

Enter Handle: All resources with a handle are available here. Enter the handle prefix and suffix into the boxes and click "Go"

[Handle](#) prefix suffix [HELP](#)

(Example: 100.2/ADA300359)
(Example: cnri.dlib/february97-arms)

To find a handle for a DoD resource, enter known data:

Title:

<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/prodsrv/>

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Handle Search Directory

- **Provides access to all handles on the Web**
- **Is a handle discovery tool for DOD resources**
 - provides direct links to resources
 - Provides centralized access to all DOD DOD handles



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Metadata Supports Resource Discovery

- If you can't find it you can't use it
- Metadata essential to identify a resource
- Metadata called the great unifier - many schemas; e.g., Dublin Core, MARC, <indecs> , SCORM, XMP



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DTIC's Metadata Schema

- Title
- Report Number
- DTIC AD Number
- Corporate Author
- Personal Author
- Publication Year



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What Does This Mean to the Customer?

- Preserves access to valuable electronic resources
- Enables reference/citation linking
- Centralizes access to DOD data
- Allows creation of accurate, long-term 'living' bibliographies



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Citing Handles in a Bibliography

Basic format:

Author's Last Name, Initial(s)

Date of Document

Title of Document. Title Complete Work (if applicable)

Edition or Revision (if applicable)

Protocol, access path, handle (prefix + suffix)

Example:

***Barth, Perry E. 10 April 2000. Countering the Biological Weapons Threat to the Homeland
<http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA378197>***



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What Does This Mean to the Contributor?

- Preserves digital publications in perpetuity
- Guarantees immediate access to publications, 24x7
- Relieve contributor of many resource management, manpower, maintenance, storage, licensing and equipment costs



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Our Contributors Will Have Choices

- Option 1: Maintain status quo
 - Submit resources to DTIC; DTIC assigns handles and metadata, performs all processing actions
 - DTIC will ensure permanence (availability and content)
- Option 2: Become a DTIC partner
- Option 3: Transfer resources to DTIC if Option 2 is no longer feasible



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Partnering with DTIC

- Receive a unique naming authority under DTIC sponsorship (handle prefix)
- Create own handles, maintain own resources
- Submit metadata, handles and URLs to DTIC (DTIC will provide mechanisms and procedures for data submission)
- Additional support will be required
 - Must adhere to DTIC policies/procedures
 - Notify DTIC when URLs change



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DTIC's Role

- Resource manager
- Provide leadership to DOD community
- Support customers/partners
 - Provide policies, procedures, guidance
 - Reach out - educate, train
 - Maintain hardware, software, licenses
 - Manage data, metadata
- Track new initiatives, developments
- Build new enhancements as needed



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Where We Are Now

- Implemented handles into DTIC operations
- Assigned handles to all DTIC's publicly releasable fulltext .pdf resources
- Built structure to create, manage, resolve handles for DOD electronic resources from remote locations
- Established metadata policies/procedures
- Enabled reverse lookup/reference linking capabilities



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What are Next Steps?

- Assign handles to restricted access resources (Limited/FOUO)
- Create technical transfer capabilities for partners (metadata, handles, URLs)
- Enhance handle search capabilities (more Google-like)
- Create multiple resolution capabilities
- Create handle templates for additional genres; e.g., journals, technical manuals, multimedia



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Persistence is Golden

- to ensure existence of valuable online digital materials
- to ensure identification of digital materials
- to ensure long-term access to digital materials



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